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LOADING LIST
BOX I
FREIGHT I

13 MARCH 1945

43-22
1. 497 E
Major L F Dunn
Lt W E Brewer
Lt J L Corum
Sgt J W Ross ✓

44-22
2. 505 Y
Capt C J Andersen
Lt W Babbage
S/S E L Schafer
T/H M E Danner (II Arm'd)

45-22
3. 356 C
Lt H M VanMoorden
A/A R I Staflay ✓

43-22
1. 492 E-1
Lt R H Cornell
Lt R E Emsen
S/S A E Carter ✓

44-22
2. 381 Q
Capt W F DuFault
S/S K E Vores ✓

44-22
3. 244 I
F/O F W Swep
Sgt M Melinotis ✓

44-22
1. 521 M-1
Lt E L Miller
Lt J K Conner
S/S J M Pemberton ✓

44-22
2. 252 D-1
Lt C M Anderson
S/S J H Deatherage ✓

44-22
3. 351 F
Lt R W VanRope
S/S W H Klingman ✓

41-29
4. 237 D
Lt J C Gary
Pvt A E Schoen ✓

41-29
5. 332 P
Lt A E Hlivko
Sgt L J Farmer
Pfc R R Stegman

41-29
6. 299 N
Lt D A Pero
Sgt C Bolton ✓

41-29
4. 338 D
Lt M W DuBose
S/S D L Griffin ✓

41-29
5. 314 H
Lt D E Smith
Capt D E Eastlake (II Arm'd)
S/S S J Kirik ✓

41-29
6. 271 R
Lt B A Smith
Sgt D A Richards ✓

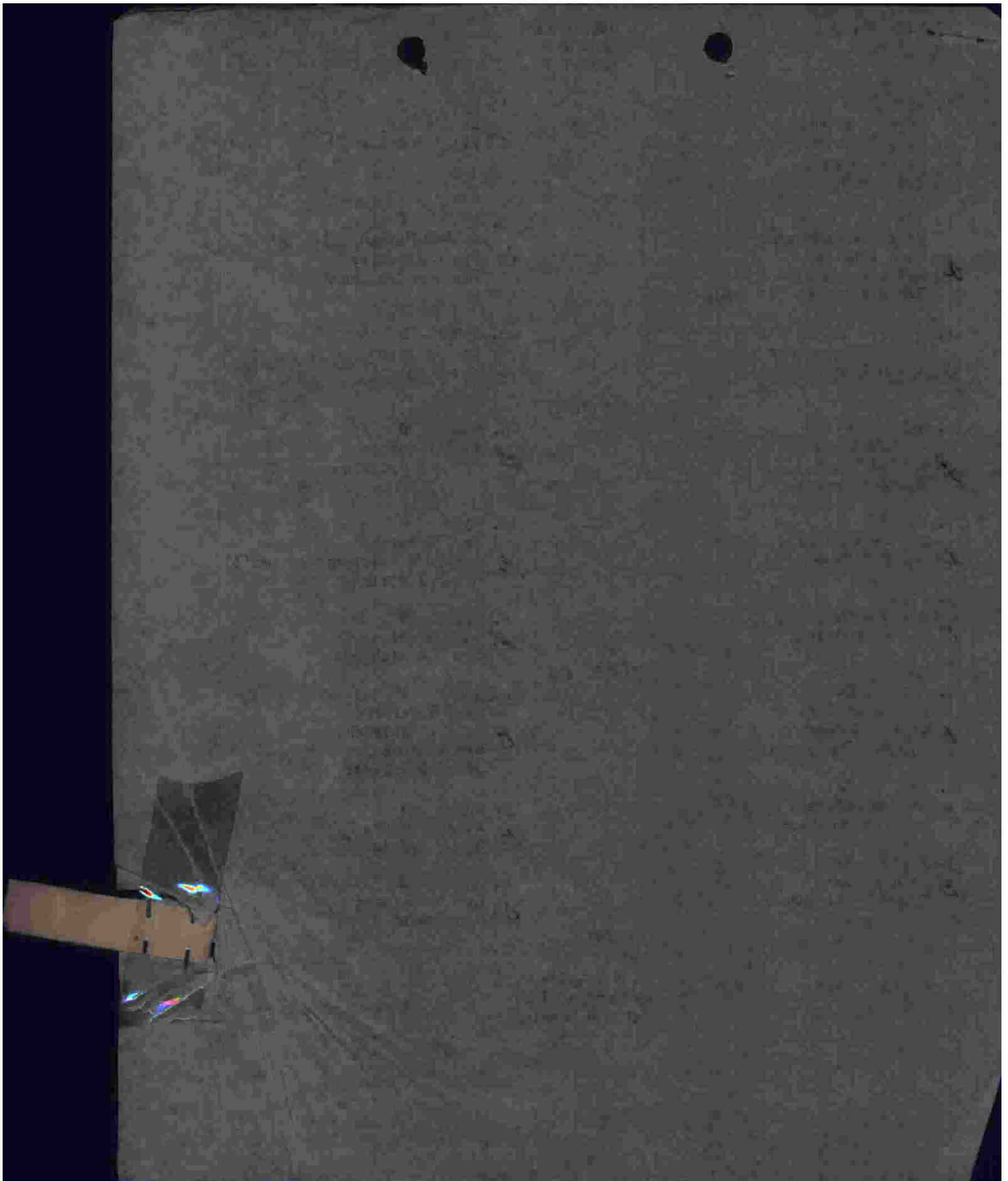
41-29
4. 304 T
Lt D O Turner
Lt P J McGivern
S/S R Reyes
S/S F W Elliott ✓

41-29
5. 263 G
Lt A W Danner
Sgt V F Fair ✓

43-22
6. 354 S
Lt G S Weinart
Sgt A Dubi ✓

SPARE

300 K
Lt J W Spires
Lt Morris (Inf)
Sgt R W Messinger ✓



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BOX II
FLIGHT I

1. 499 G
Lt C J Brown
Lt J E Kerns
Lt R C Muir
S/S H E Sunderland

2. 501 W
Lt R B Hall
F/O T L Goss
Sgt I Torres

3. 490 X
Capt L J Sutton
Lt J R Reed
S/S D C Gilliam

1. 508 Z
Lt C C Mish
Lt R E Shaft
S/S J H Roberts
Major E R Lewis (Inf)

2. 213 A
Lt J H Montrose
S/S P G Euga

3. 223 B
Lt W L Hale
S/S J F Geyer

1. 469 A
Lt F S Brewster
Lt L W Dennis
S/S W O Clark

2. 215 R
Lt R S Bower
S/S J J Ricketson

3. 224 E
Capt H W Borman
Pfc D O Finnell

1. 481 P
Capt H L Sommers
Lt F A Reeves
S/S A J Burland
S/S K Heath

FLIGHT II

4. 249 F
Lt W H Ames
S/S R J Brown
Capt G B Lundberg (Inf)

5. 209 M
Lt T J Murray
Sgt W W Maupin

6. 297 T
Lt J T Wright
Sgt D O Simon

4. 361 M
Lt F W Harris
Sgt J I Spence

5. 259 H
F/O H G Gunkel
Sgt L J Grzone

6. 321 T
Lt C J Vars
Pvt D Hawk

4. 416 O
Lt R B Singletary
S/S H G Wiggins

5. 330 P
Lt W D Chitty
Sgt F R Kamischke

6. 334 G
Lt J V O'Brien
Sgt H T Wright

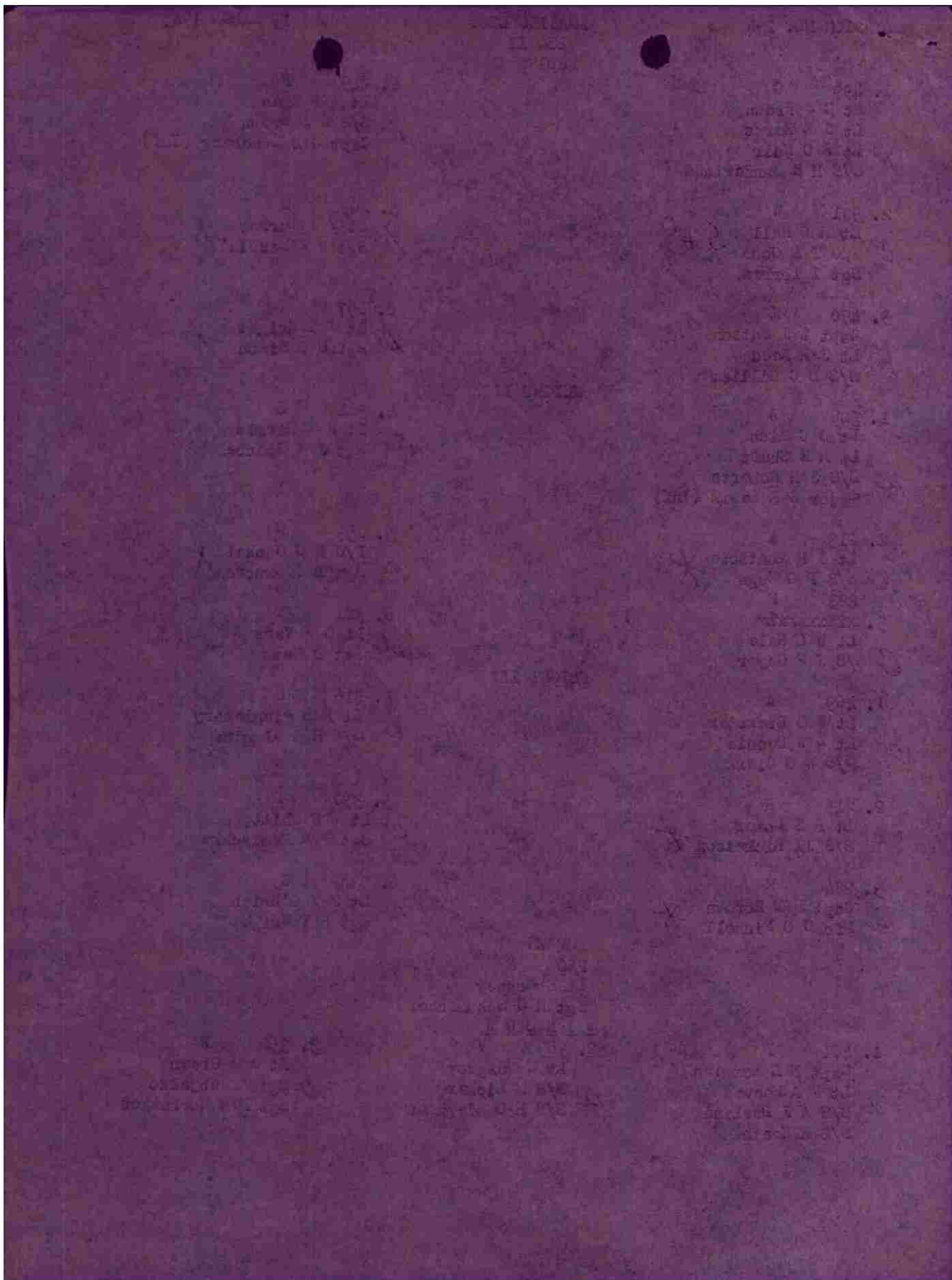
SPARE

- 250 A
Lt S Mooney
Sgt R C Schumacher

WINDOW

2. 383 V
Lt W Musgrove
S/S M Licker
S/S H O Sieghman

3. 352 W
Lt J A Green
Sgt A Kubjalko
Sgt R R Rorbakken



SECRET

AUTH: CO, A-69

16 Mar 46

INITIAL

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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

AFG 140, U.S. Army,
16 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140, U.S. Army.
(Attn: A-1)

I. 16 March 1946, F.O. 1555, Hutton 1/Y, F.O. 208-790.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 43-22499
(Lt C.J. Brown)

Pilot salvaged after
bombsight failed to
release.

Bombsight cannon plug loose.
Personnel error by bombsight
installation crew.

43-22561
(Lt R.S. Hall)

Pilot salvaged when
bombsight failed to
release.

Fore and aft bomb bay selector
switches not turned on.
Personnel error.

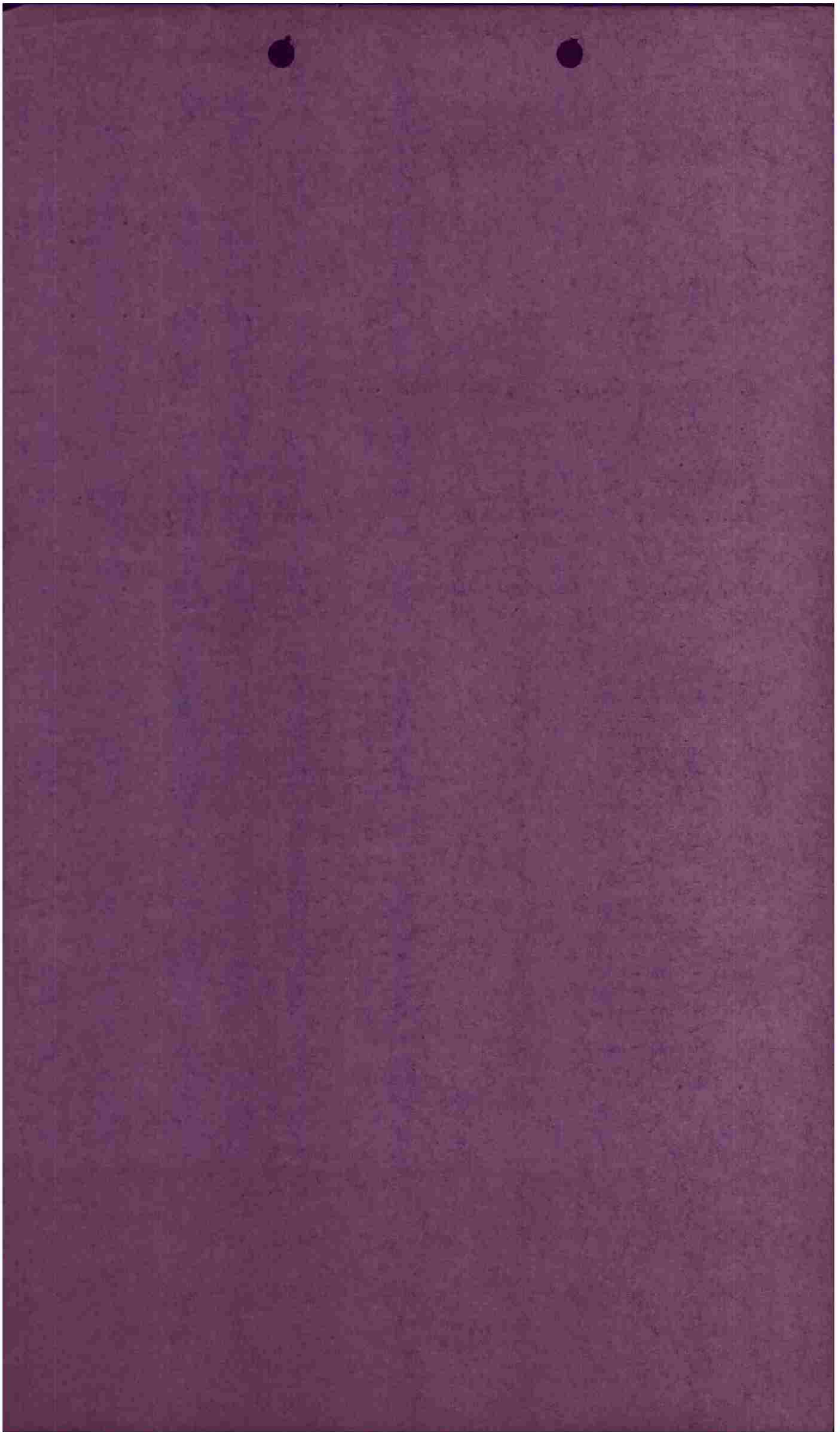
V. None.

VI. 1 - 3:00 - 500
2 - 3:00 - 520
3 - 3:05 - 560
4 - 3:05 - 525
5 - 3:05 - 480
6 - 3:05 - 425
7 - 3:15 - 435
8 - 3:20 - 530
9 - 3:05 - 555
10 - 3:05 - 625
11 - 3:05 - 480
12 - 3:05 - 525
13 - 3:00 - 480
14 - 3:05 - 590
15 - 3:00 - 560
16 - 3:15 - 560
17 - 3:15 - 500
18 - 3:05 - 540
19 - 2:45 - 525
20 - 2:40 - 430
21 - 2:40 - 500

1 - 3:00 - 500
2 - 3:05 - 520
3 - 3:00 - 550
4 - 3:05 - 540
5 - 3:05 - 580
6 - 3:00 - 600
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8 - 3:10 - 500
9 - 2:55 - 600
10 - 3:15 - 525
11 - 3:15 - 700
12 - 3:00 - 700
13 - 3:00 - 450
14 - 3:00 - 525
15 - 3:00 - 500
16 - 3:15 - 525
17 - 2:55 - 550
18 - 2:55 - 550
19 - 3:00 - 560

VII. None.

FREDERICK E. AYLESWORTH,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.



PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO: 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) INFO COPY
97TH BOMB WING (L) INFO COPY
CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV)

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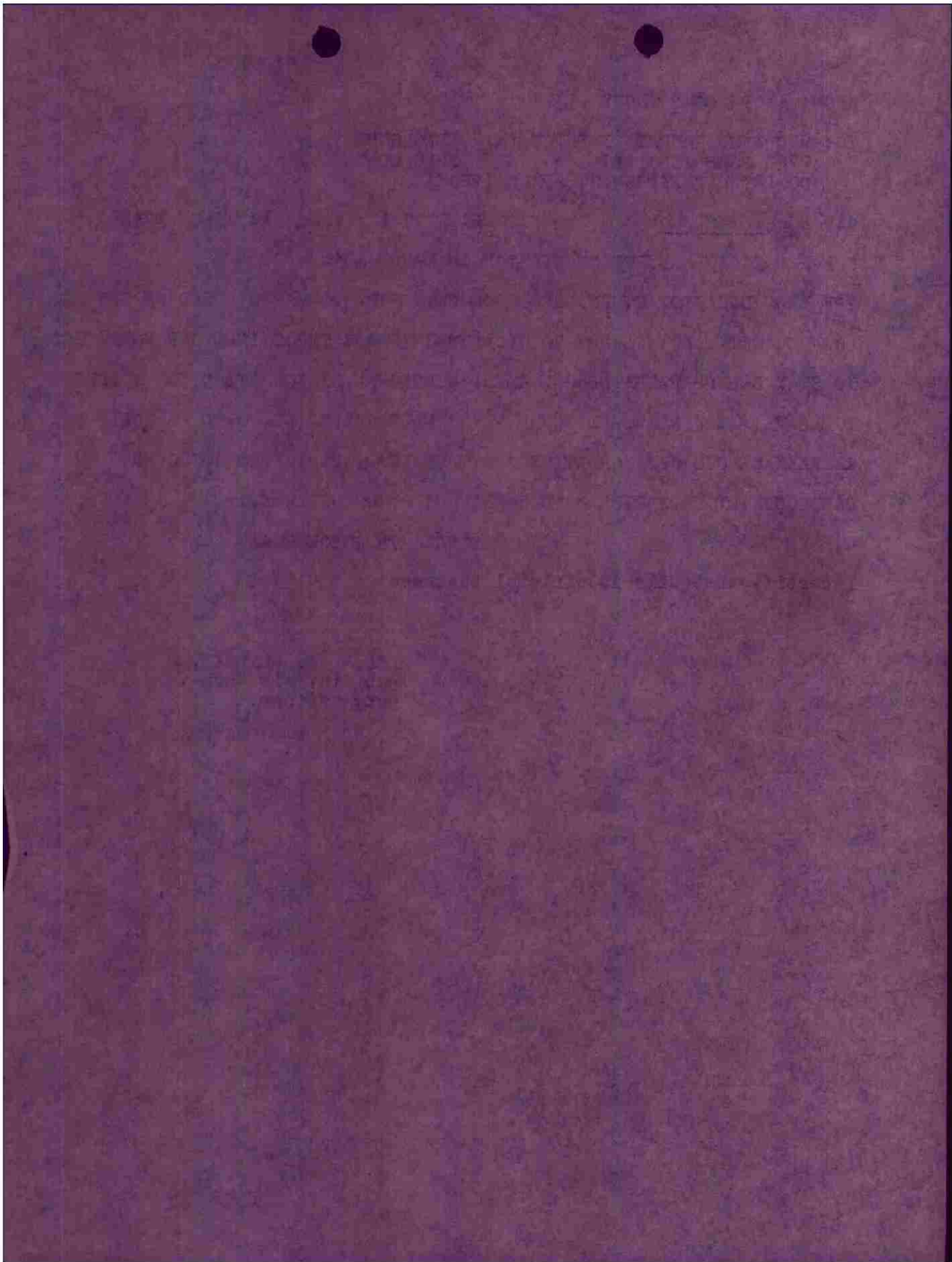
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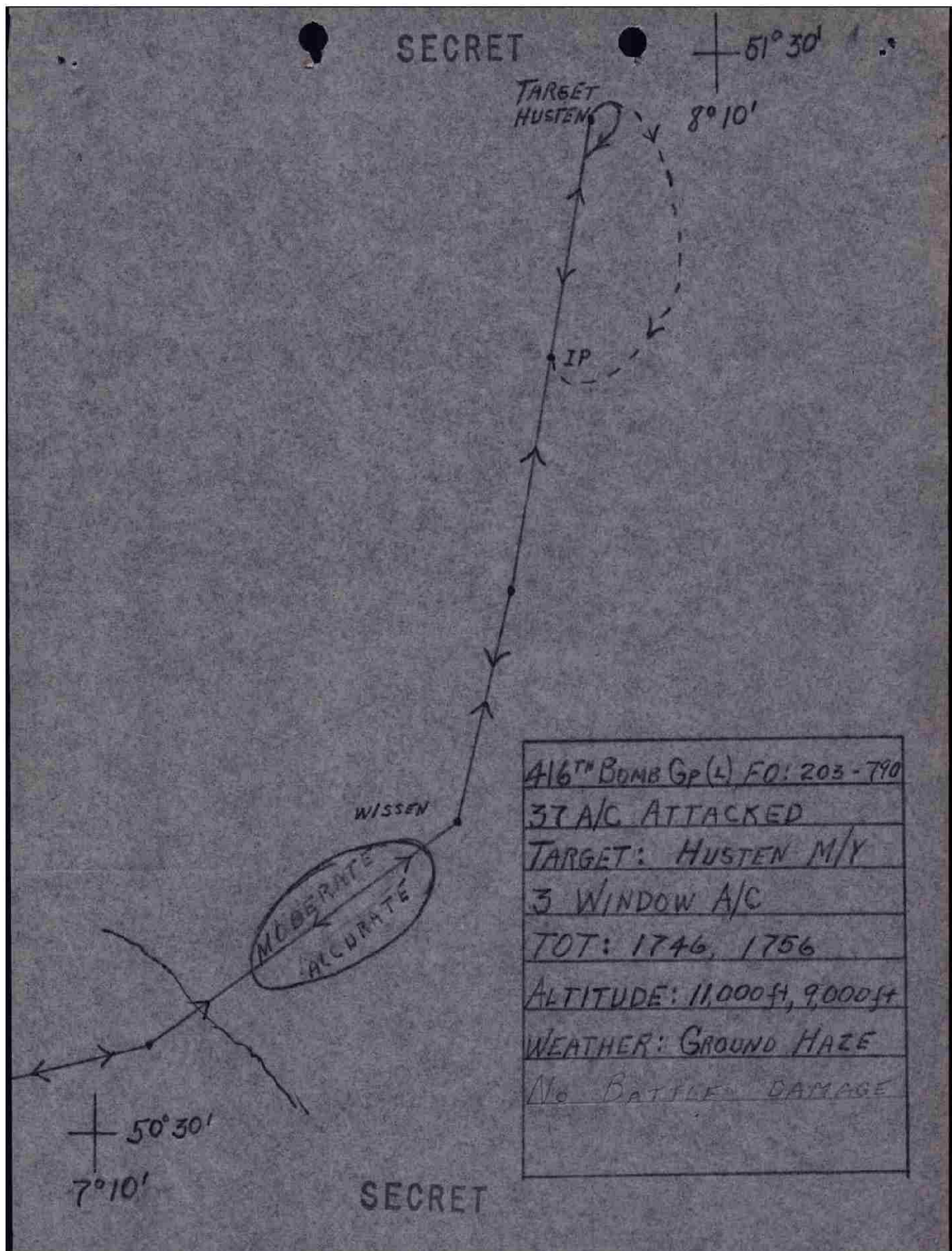
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DOWN TO GET BELOW CLOUDS SO SLOW THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR FORMATION
TO STAY BEHIND PATHFINDER LEADER, CONSEQUENTLY FORMATION WAS FORCED
TO LEAVE PATHFINDER. ALTHOUGH PATHFINDER CALLED AND SAID HE WOULD
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ CUT OFF FORMATION AND TAKE LEAD, HE FAILED TO DO SO,
CONSEQUENTLY FORMATION BOMBED PRIMARY ON GROUP LEAD.

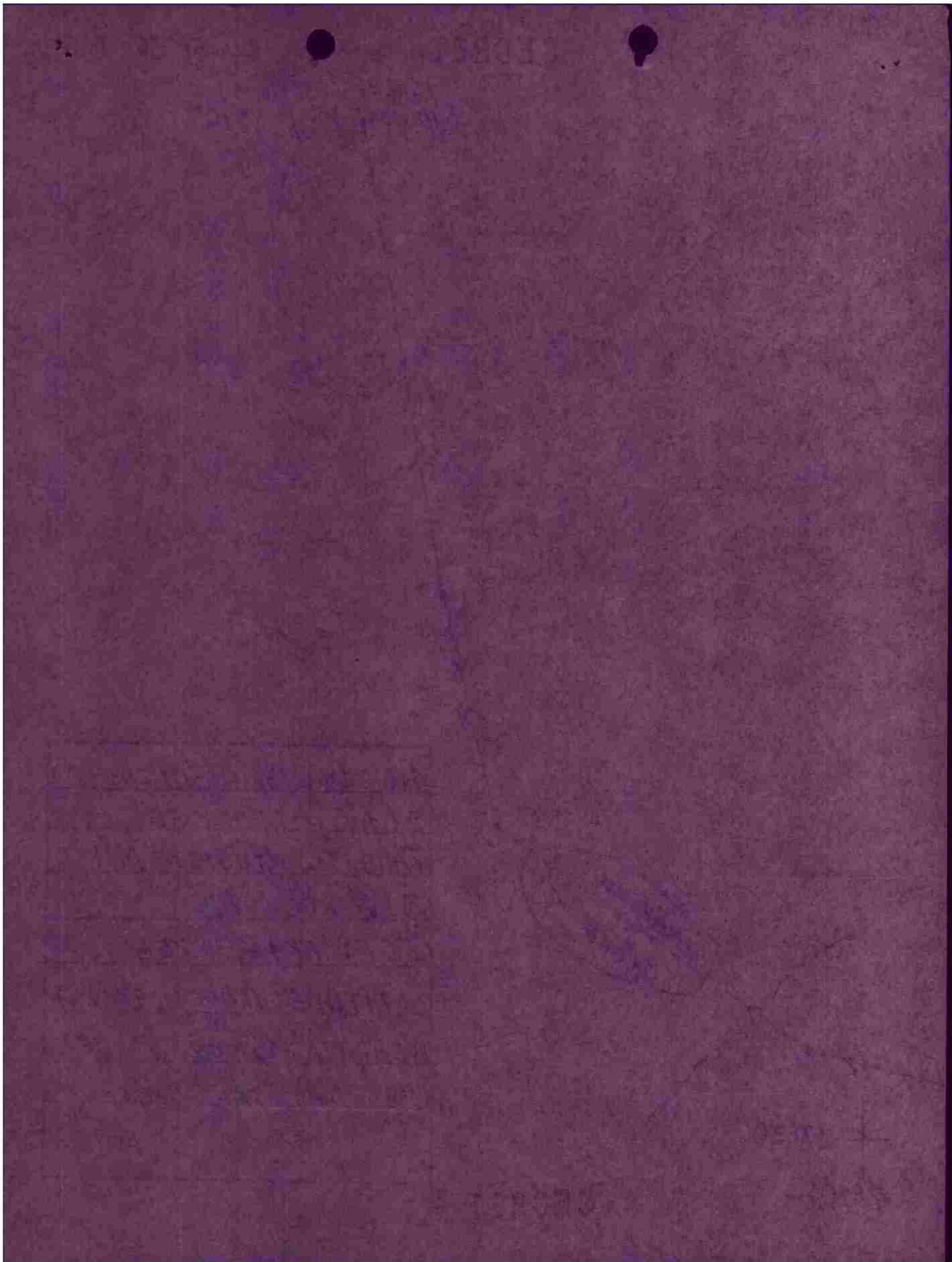
AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

LELAND G. NEILSEN,
captain, Air Corps,
Duty Officer.





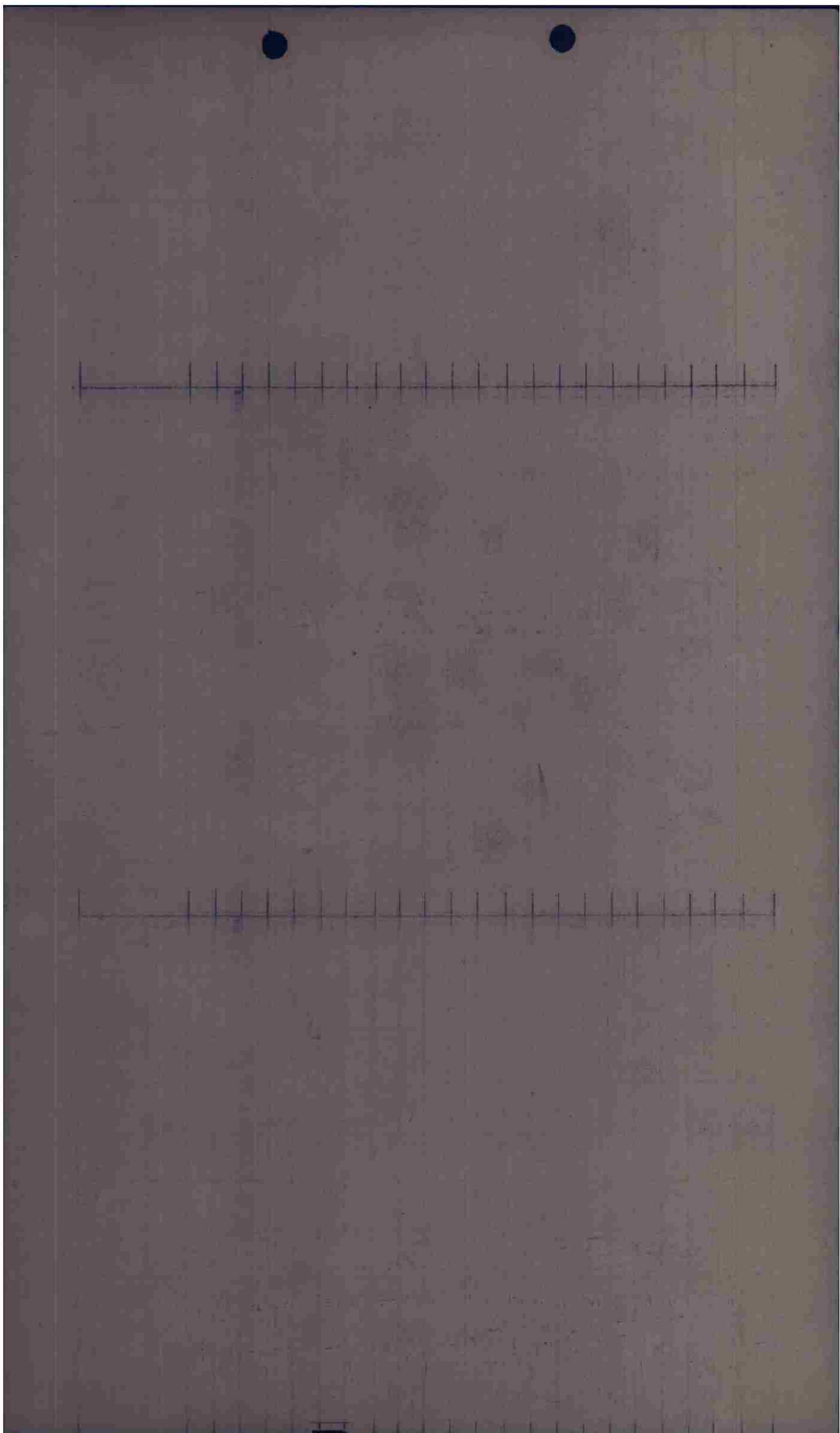


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A	E	497	Sumner	491		1555										1855	3:00
A	X	503	Anderson			1555										1855	3:00
A	C	356	Van Gorder			1555										1852	3:05
A	D	337	Gray			1555										1852	3:05
A	P	332	Wick			1556	1746										
A	N	339	Xero			1556										1857	3:05
A	E1	492	Cornell			1556										1907	3:15
A	Q	381	DonXant			1557										1914	3:20
A	I	244	Shoat			1557										1900	3:08
A	O	338	DonXant			1557										1901	3:08
A	H	314	Smith, S.E.			1558										1901	3:08
A	R	371	Smith, S.E.			1558										1902	3:05
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A	E	351	Van Roper			1559										1858	3:00
A	T	304	Sumner			1559										1914	3:15
A	G	263	Anderson			1559										1913	3:15
A	S	354	McKinstry			1559										1900	3:05
A	K	300	Denver			1600										1857	3:00
A	P	481	Anderson			1613										1854	3:45
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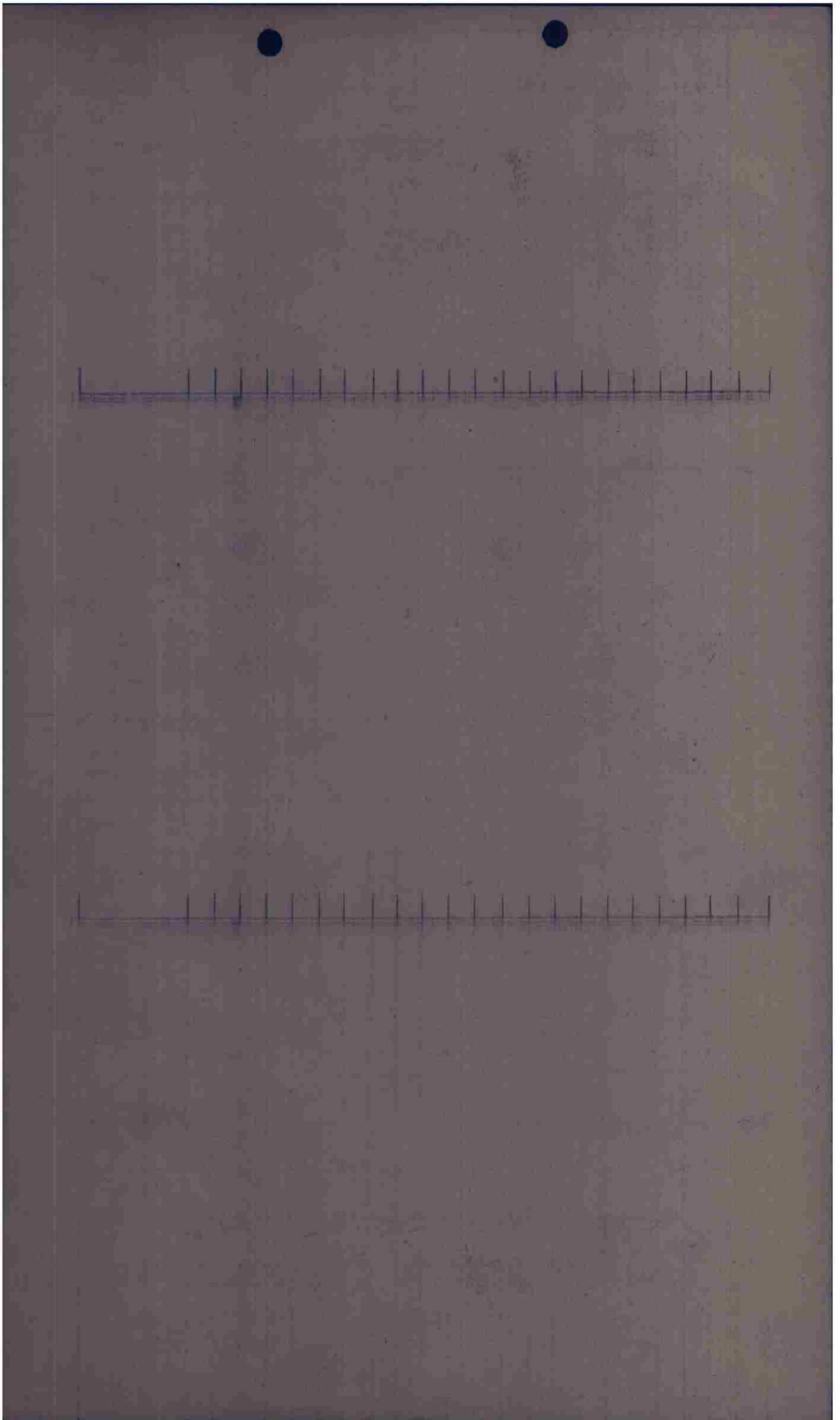
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8	G	499	Drummond			1607										1904	3:00																					
C	W	501	Stair			1607										1910	3:05																					
8	X	490	Justen			1607										1905	3:00																					
8	F	349	Linea			1607										1911	3:05																					
8	M	309	Drummond			1608										1910	3:05																					
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8	B	323	Drummond			1609										1922	3:15																					
8	M-1	361	Drummond			1609										1923	3:15																					
8	H	359	Drummond			1610										1909	3:00																					
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8	P	330	Drummond			1616										1910	2:55																					
8	G-1	334	Drummond			1617										1908	2:55																					
8	A-2	350	Drummond			1617										1910	3:00																					



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T (ITA T JUT)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/1322A
TO : COMBONDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 429 (INFO), 418, 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 146
13 MARCH 1945

R-137-E

FIELD ORDER NO. 203-796

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) THE XIX TAC WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: 13/1630A

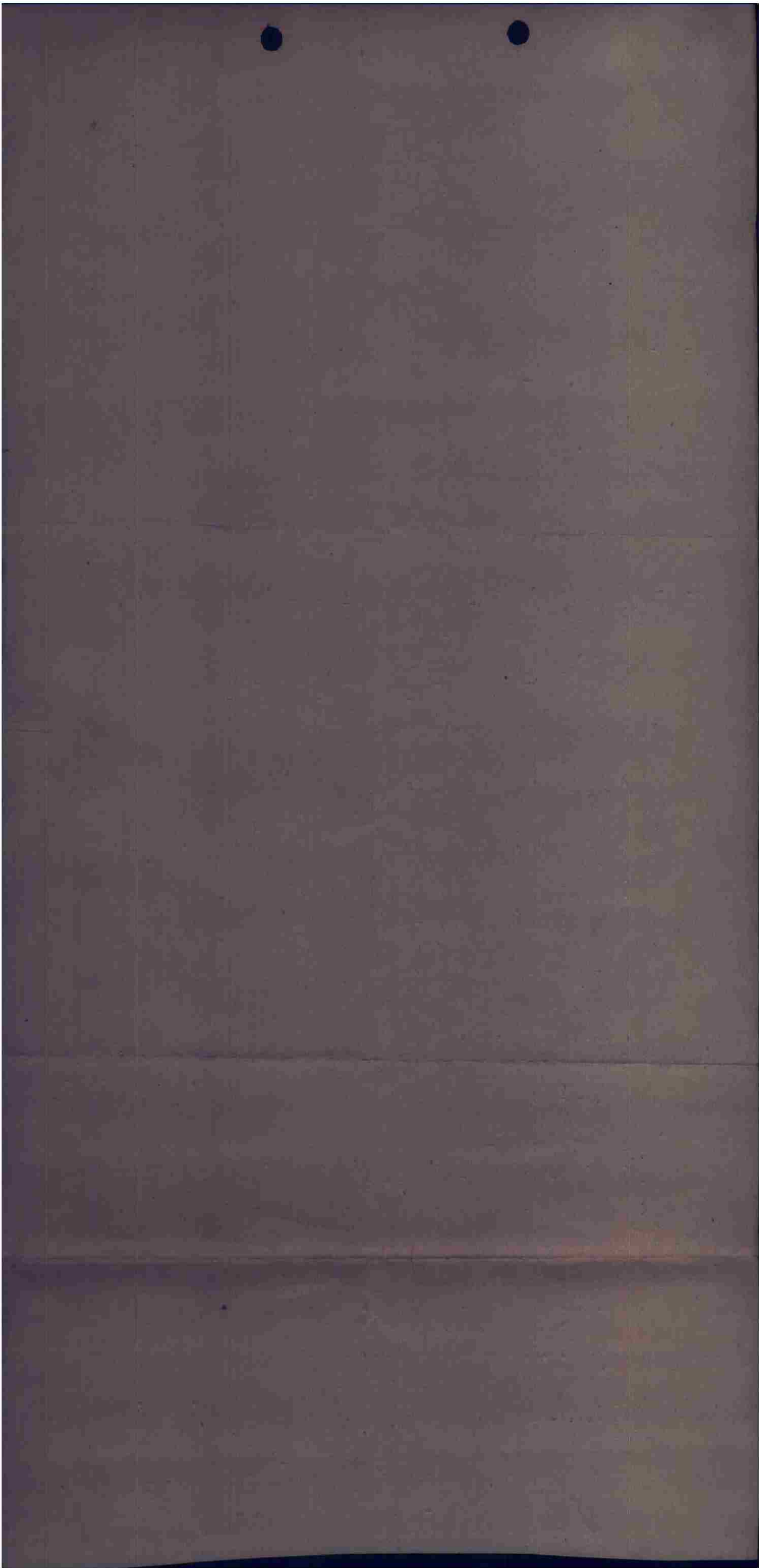
PATHFINDER

3. A. 418TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) FRANKFURT/MAIN-AIN A/F M-661881
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON PPF A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5558 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 02 MIN.
WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (4) BASE TO P-5558 TO L-5971 TO L-9432 TO M-2829 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO M-8447 TO M-8338 TO M-2829 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB: 1ST BOX: 13,500 FEET.
2ND BOX: 13,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 5,000 FEET.
- (9) MPI: ILL. 3/AIR/108B/4. COVER ANNOTATED AREA MARKED
"POSSIBLE EXTENSION" IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES
PPF MPI: 8868 4414 SHEET NO. 5917. GRID. COORD.: 60106015.
DESIRED INTERVAL BETWEEN BOMBS 100 FEET.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
20 PERCENT OF BOMBS FUSED; LONG DELAY 6 TO 12 HOURS.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN.
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES AND USE M-4542 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUDS OBSCURE TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
(A) PPF
(B) GROUP "CEE"
(C) TARGET E.T.A.
- (14) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES AT FIGHTER RNDV.
- (15) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED GROUP WILL ATTACK AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV. CIPHER J-576-2 (2-9-45)

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) HUSTEN M/Y B-165154
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
- (3) WITH P-47'S AT K-7904 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 34 MIN.
- (4) BASE TO K-7904 TO F-6520 TO G-8243 TO G-8566 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB: 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET
2ND BOX 13,000 FEET
LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 5,000 FEET.
- (9) M.F.I. 8868 4414. SHEET NO. 4513. COVER M/Y BETWEEN COORD. 16251562 AND COORD. 17451520 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
PPF M.F.I. : 1ST BOX COORD. 16551546
2ND BOX COORD. 16881527
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (10) 4 X 1000 LB GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 70 MIN.
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE G-8993 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUDS OBSCURE PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:



- (B) GROUP "GEE"
 (C) TARGET E.T.A.
 (14) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES AT FIGHTER RNDV.
 (15) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED AN ALTERNATE TARGET
 IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (2-9-45)
 WILL BE ATTACKED.
- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.
 (5) GROUPS WILL USE CAUTION NOT TO SELECT AN ALTERNATE TARGET
 WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS.
4. NO CHANGE
5. COMMUNICATIONS.
- A. 41ST BOMB GROUP
 (2) MANGE
 (3) NICEBATE
 (4) RIPSAN
- B. 41ST BOMB GROUP
 (2) MARGIN
 (3) GAYLIFE
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES

COMCBTWIC 97
 BT 13/1320A
 LEG/SS AR

ITA R	131413A	REY	BB	TO JEA AND JES
JES R	131413A	IDR	AR	
JKI R	131413A	RSS	AR	
JPO R	13/1419A	NP	KK	

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ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA JEA 15/13 OP GP
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/1507A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409 (INFO), 410, 416

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S19

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
13 MARCH 1945

R-138-E

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 203-790

PLAN "A"

FOR THE 410TH BOMB GROUP ONLY
ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 13/1530A

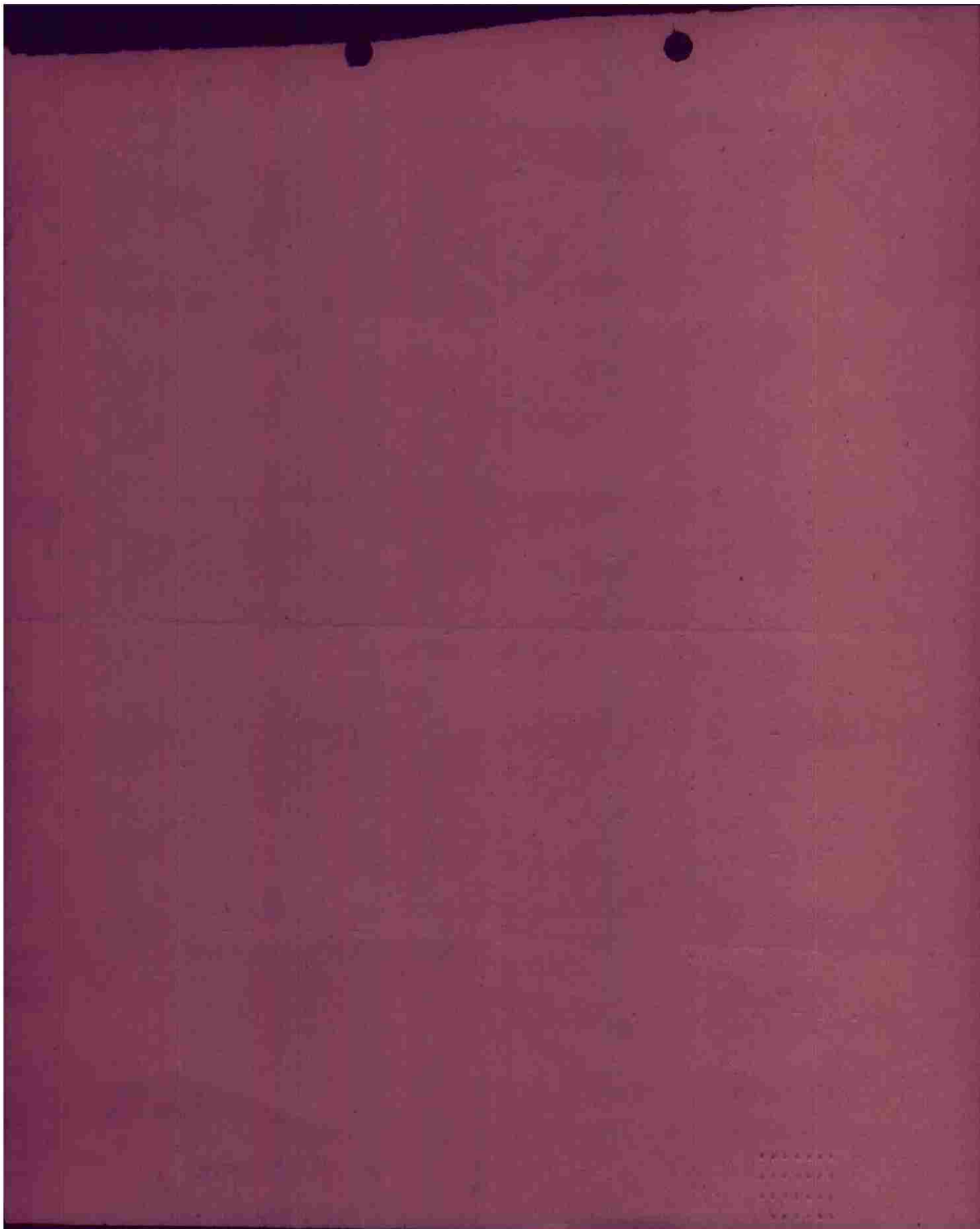
3. A. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) FRANKFURT/RHEIN-MAIN A/F M-621651
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5558 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 02 MIN.
- (4) BASE TO P-5558 TO L-5971 TO L-9432 TO M-2829 TO M-2330 TO IP TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO RP AND RETRACE ROUTE.
- (6) BOMB 13,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (7) M-2045.
- (8) GENERALLY S E TO N W.
- (9) MPI: ILL. 3/AIR/1000/4 COVER ANNOTATED AREA MARKED "PROBABLE EXTENSION". DESIRED INTERVAL 100 FEET.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL. 20 PERCENT OF BOMBS FUSED LONG DELAY 6 TO 12 HOURS.
- (11) M-2045.
- (12) IF CLOUDS OBSCURE PRIMARY TARGET, PRIMARY TARGET WILL BE BOMBED ON (A) CEE (B) TARGET E.T.A.
- (13) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.
- (14) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES AT FIGHTER RNDV.

X. (1 - 4) NO CHANGE.

COMBOMWIC 97
BT 13/1507A
BBBBB
SS

ITA R
JES R
JKI R 13/1532A RSC 'KK
UPO R M 90EXQTEWA REP KK



ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA JEA 15/13 OP OP
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 142
13 MARCH 1945

R-139-E

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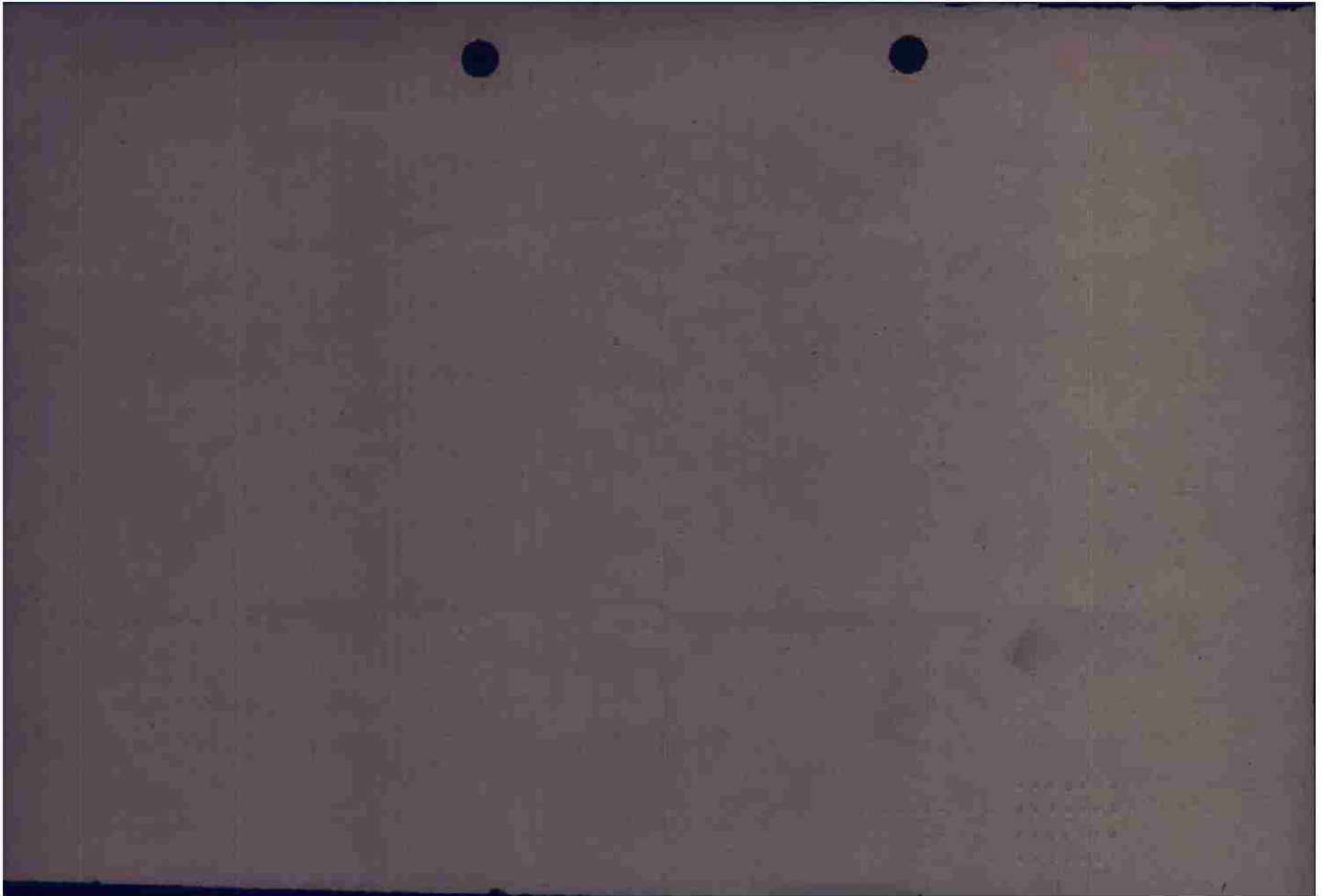
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PLAN "A" IS IN EFFECT - CANCEL PATHFINDER PLAN.

COMBOMWIC 97
BT 13/1522A
LEG AR

ITA R			
JES R		13/1535A	IDR AR
JKI R		13/1535A	BES AR
JPO R		13/1535A	HSP AR

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JEA 6/13

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 TO COMBOMB DIV NINE
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 COBOMGP 416
 1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN

97CBW R-130-E BT

SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH : LT. COL. MC AFEE

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NR.1 TO FIELD ORDER NR.203-790

PLAN "A" AND "B"

(1) TARGET : WETZLAR M/Y G-555190-GF-2248 AREA "B"
 TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE : TO DISRUPT ENEMY RAIL TRAFFIC
 MOVING MEN AND EQUIPMENT TOWARD THE U.S. 1ST ARMY
 BRIDGEHEAD.

(2) MAP COVERAGE :

GSGS 4416 SHEET S-3

PHOTO COVERAGE

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7GR/3270 PRINTS 3196-3197

ILL. 4 (E) 12/2 AND 4

ILL. 5 (A) 46A/2

500SE/5417

UNCONTROLLED PHOTO MAP MOSAIC NO.44 SHEET NO.4.

(3) TARGET IS WELL BEYOND CURRENT BOMBLINE.

(4) FLAK : SEE CURRENT PLOTTED POSITIONS.

(5) THERE IS A PW CAMP LOCATED APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES DUE WEST OF THE
 TARGET - REFERENCE ILL. 5 (A) 46A/2 PINPOINTED AT 01150532. ALL
 BOMBARDIER NAVIGATORS SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY BRIEFED ON THE LOCATION
 OF THE PW CAMP.

COMCBTWIG 97

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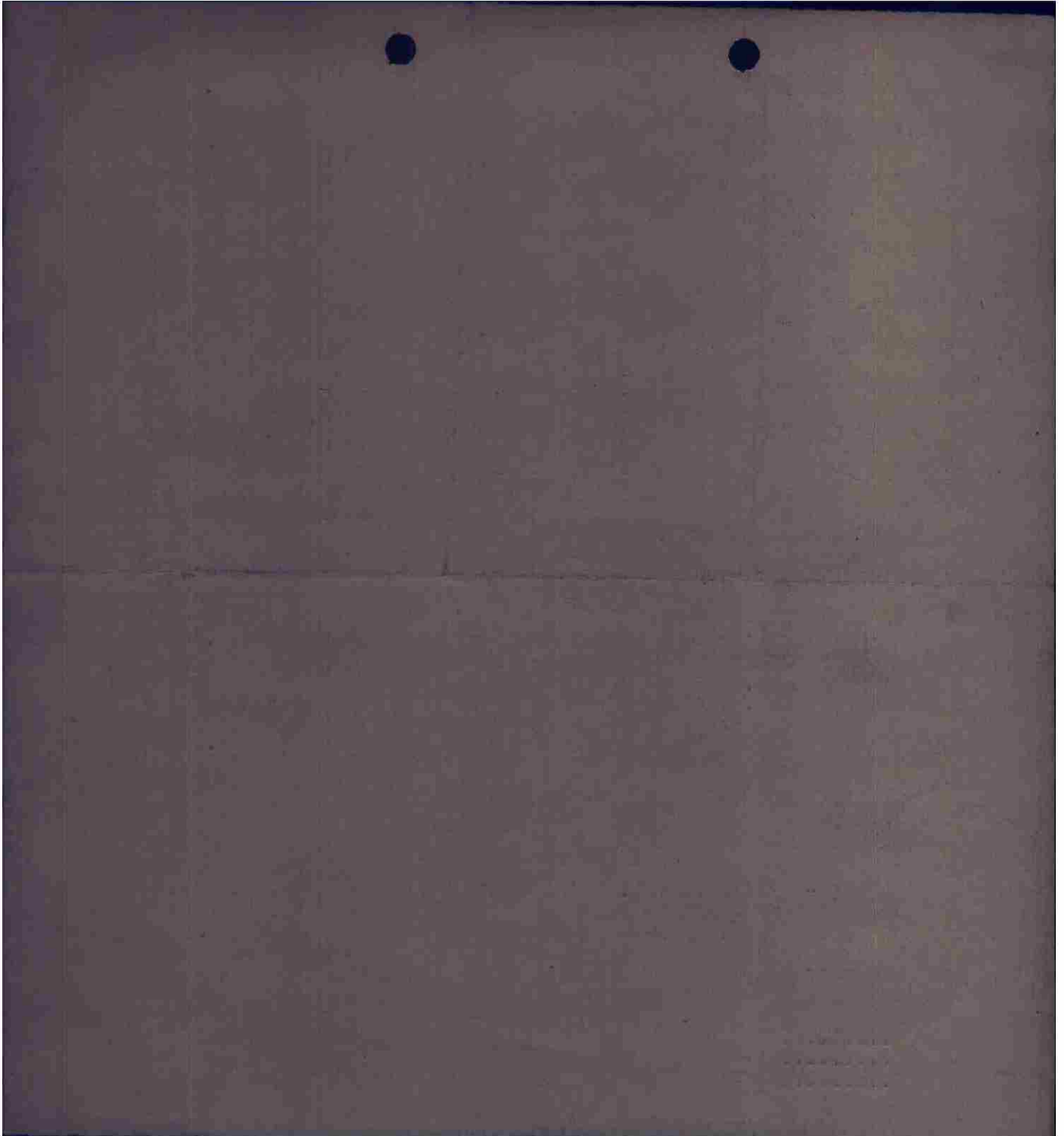
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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/1255A
TO : COBOMGP 416

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC ALEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
13 MARCH 1945

R-136-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 FIELD ORDER NO. 203-791

1. TARGET: HUSTEN MARSHALLING YARD. TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE
DESTROY ENEMY LINES OF SUPPLY AND MOVEMENT
2. MAP COVERAGE:
----- GSS 4414 SHEET 4513
3. PHOTO COVERAGE
----- 5107E/4513
D/578 PRINTS 5113, 19
D/590 PRINT 3215
4. TARGET IS WELL BEYOND CURRENT BOMBLINE.
5. FLAK: SEE CURRENT PLOTTED POSTIONS.
6. THERE IS A P.W. CAMP APPROXIMATELY 12 MILES N.E. OF TARGET AT
SOEST.

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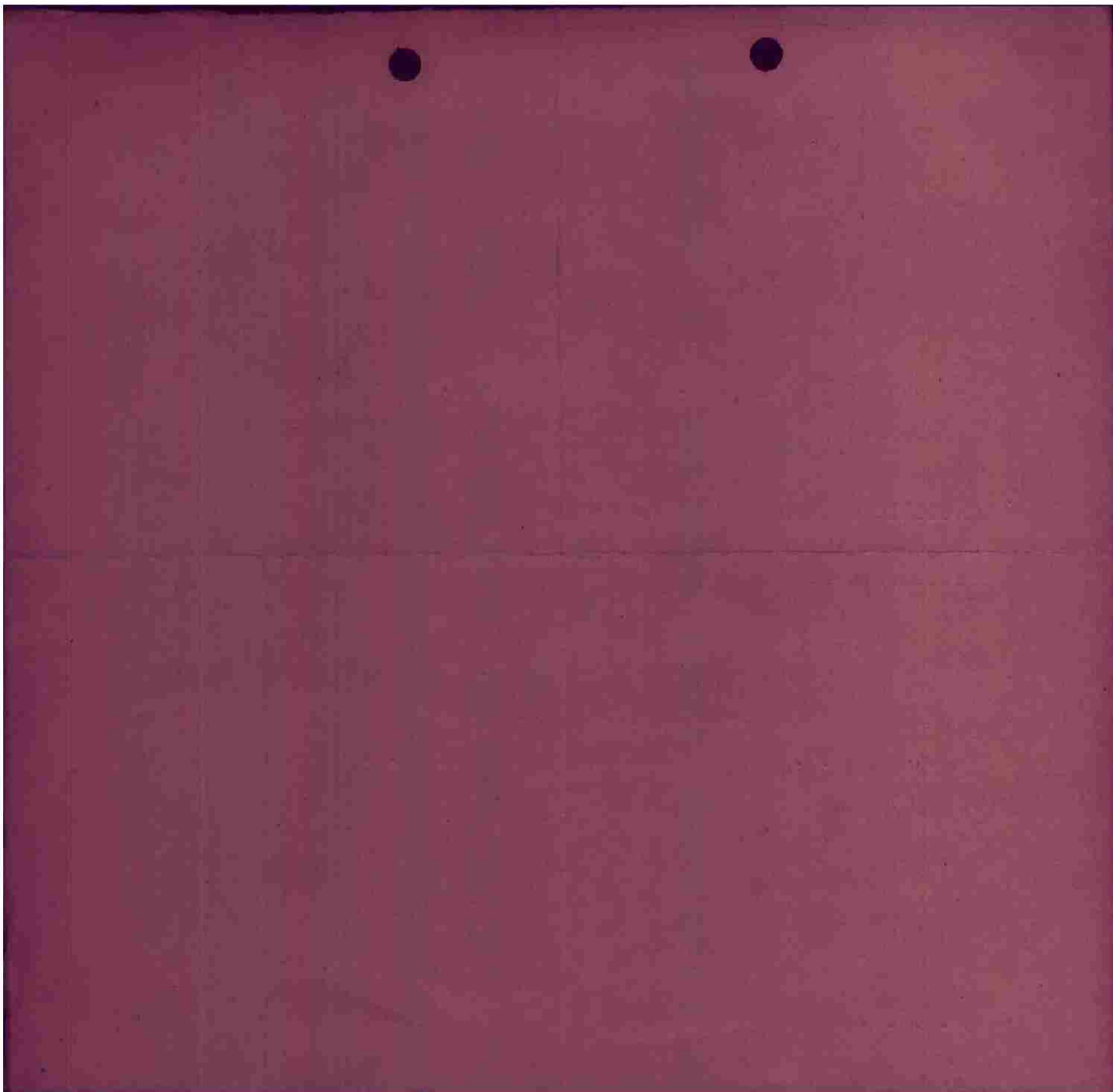
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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 23/13 OP OP
 FROM 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) 13 / 2105A
 TO CG 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)
 CG 97TH BOMBARDMENT WING (L)
 BT
 CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-279-D

- A. 416TH BOMBARDMENT GP (L).
- B. HUSTEN M/Y B-165154.
- C. 40 A/26 A/C
- WM 37 A/26 ON PRIMARY
- E. 3 A/26 CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
- ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
- F. 148 X 100 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED - ACCURATE OBSERVATION DIFFICULT DUE TO HEAVY
GROUND HAZE.
- H. NIL.
- I. NIL.
- J. MODERATE HEAVY ACCURATE FLAK FROM ASHBACK
F-780295 TO F-955375.
- K. NIL.
- L. BOX I- 11,000 FEET; BOX II- 9,000 FEET.
- M. BOX I 1746 BOMBED ON THIRD RUN.
BOX II 1756 BOMBED ON THIRD RUN

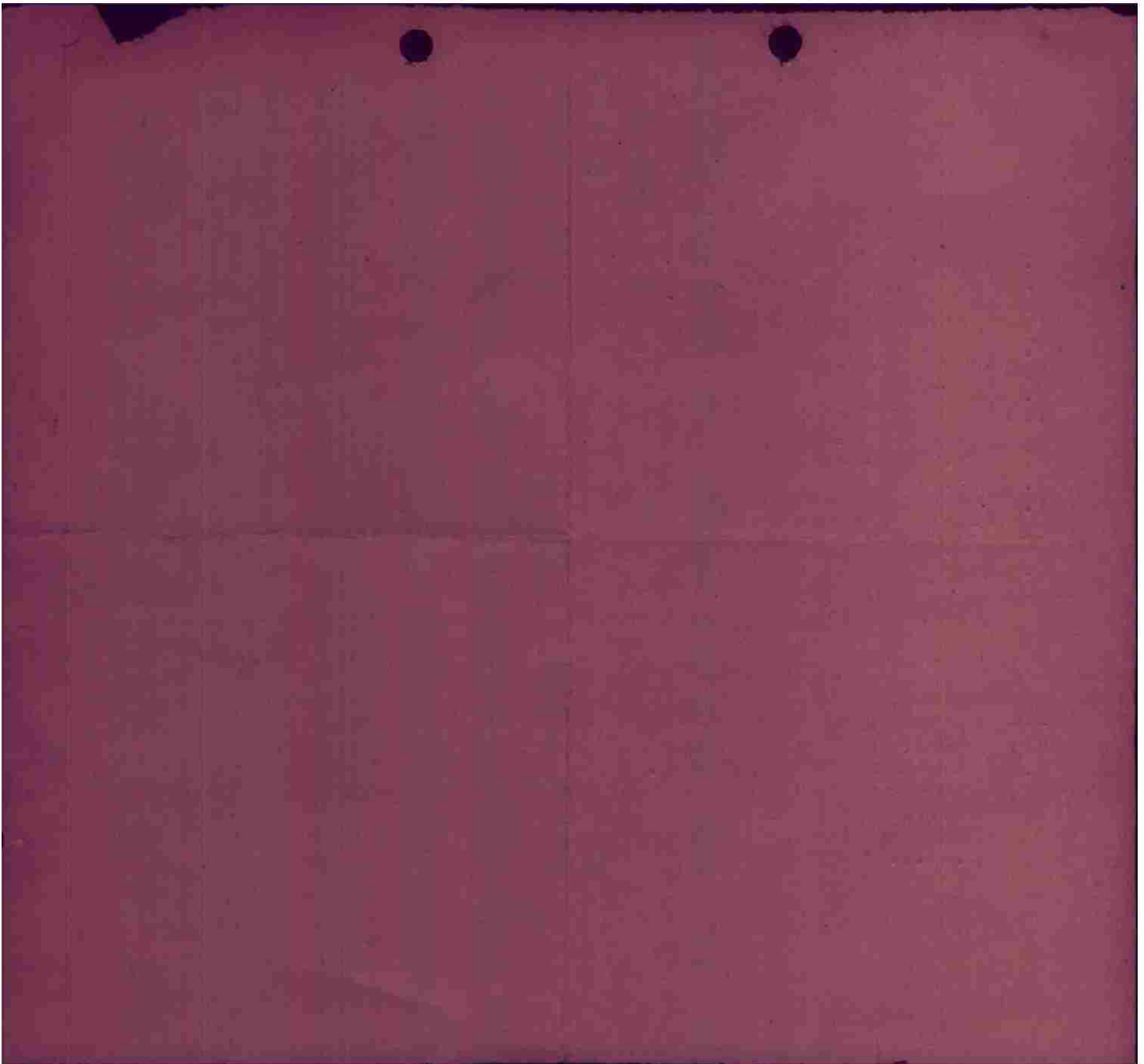
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CC: PARA F. SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:
 F. 148 X 1,000 GP ON PRIMARY.

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 JEA R.....13/2127A SH AR KKK

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 13/13 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 13/1635A
TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION ATT: A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATT/ A-2
CONFIDENTIAL BT

R-271-D

ANNEX TO OPFLASH FOR MORNING MISSION FOR 13 MARCH 1945.

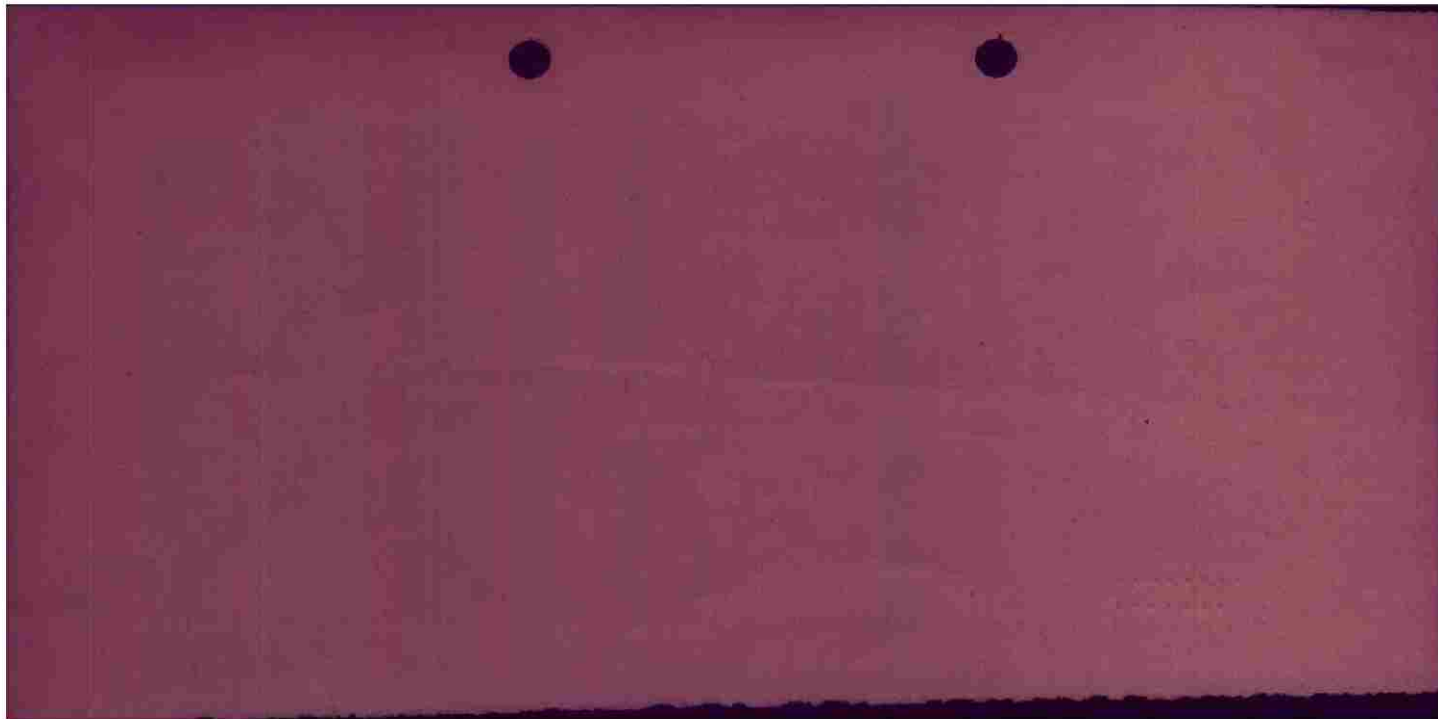
A/C REPORTED IN ORIGINAL OPFLASH TO HAVE CRASH LANDED AT A-70
DROPPED 22X 100 GP ON R PRIMARY. ALSO SUFFERED CATEGORY "A" FLAK
DAMAGE AT KMT TARGET. CRASHED BECAUSE MAIN GEAR WOULD NOT EXTEND.
CRASH DAMAGE BELIEVED TO BE CATEGORY "B". NO PERSONNEL INJURIES.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416
BT 13/1635A
RSS BBB

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ITA R.....13/1650A JP KKKK
JEA R.....13/1650A SS AR

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ITA VEA V JKI JKI 13/24 P P

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TO : COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFICXXXX OFFICER
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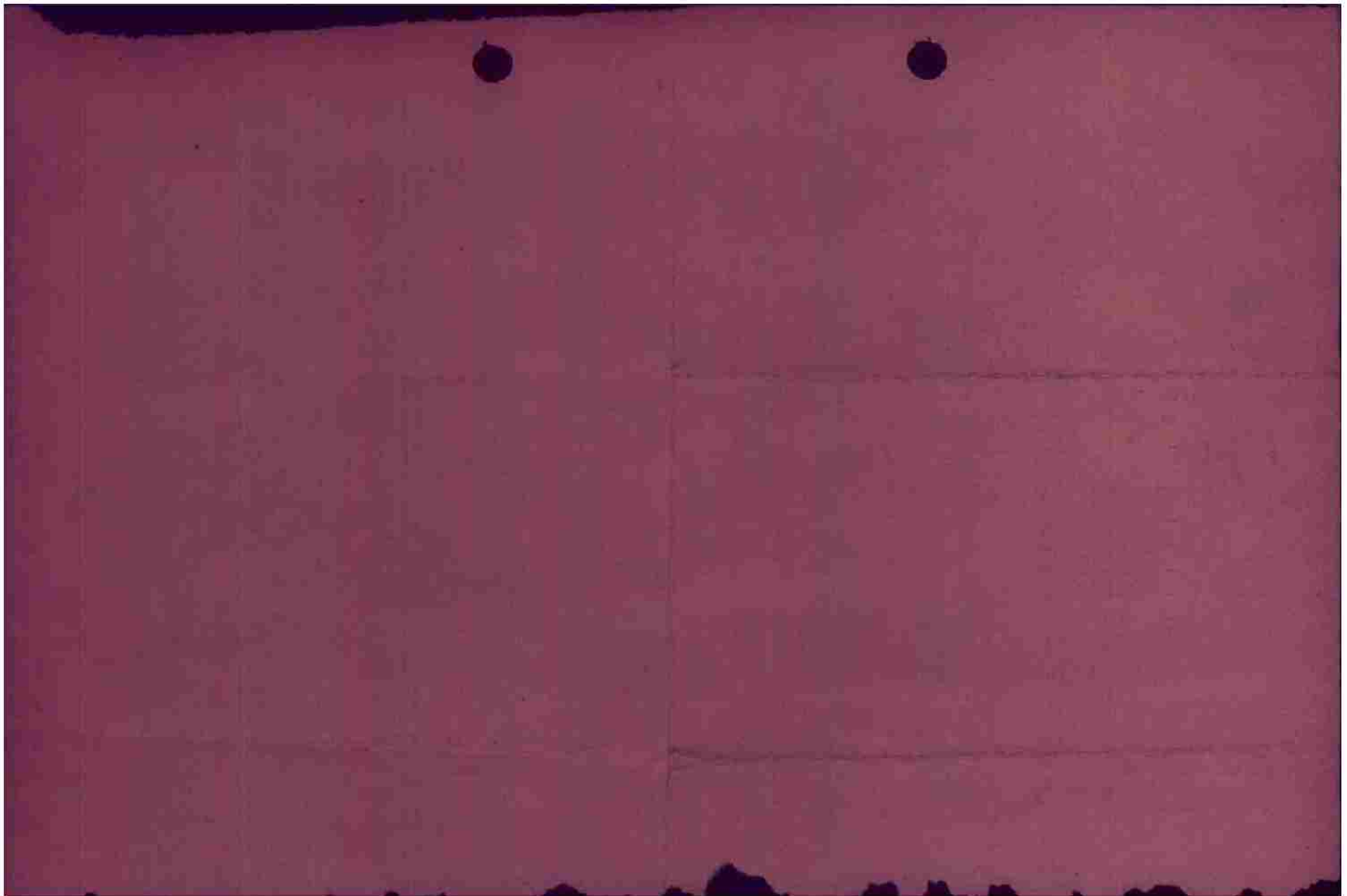
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A - VS - 62
B - 13 MARCH 1945 (1551-1836)
C - E-EASY AND G-GEORGE REPORTED "OPS" COMPLETED TO PARADE.
D - PPF MISSION
E - NONE
F- NONE
G - NONE
H - NONE
I - NONE
J - NONE
K - AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS, E-EASY CALLED PARADE TO ASK WHERE FIGHTERS
WERE; WAS TOLD BY PARADE TO STAND BY. FIGHTERS THEN APPEARED.
SWEEPSTAKES CALLED E-EASY IN TARGET AREA ASKING IF FORMATION
NEEDED HELP. E-EASY ANSWERED NO.

BT 13/2000A
MEP AR

ITA R..... 13/2216A MD BBB
JEA R.....
JEA R 13/2215A SH KKK

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JEA, JKI V ITA JJF NR. 9/14 -OP- -OP-

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. 14/0210A
TO C G IX BOMB DIV. ATTN A-3
C G 97TH COMBAT EING ATTN A-3
C O 416TH BOMB GROUP ATTN A-3

SECRET BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. R-376-E
"PFF OPERATIONAL CRITIQUE"
DATE: 13 MARCH 1945 TIME: P.M.
PFF PILOT: DEMOUCHE

A. FORMATION :

1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD
2. REMARKS:

B. WINDOW SHIPS:

1. CLASSIFICATION: NONE
2. REMARKS:

C. NAVIGATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION: PFF DID ALL GOING IN
2. REMARKS:

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS: POOR-VHF GARBLED

E. BRIEFINGS: REND.

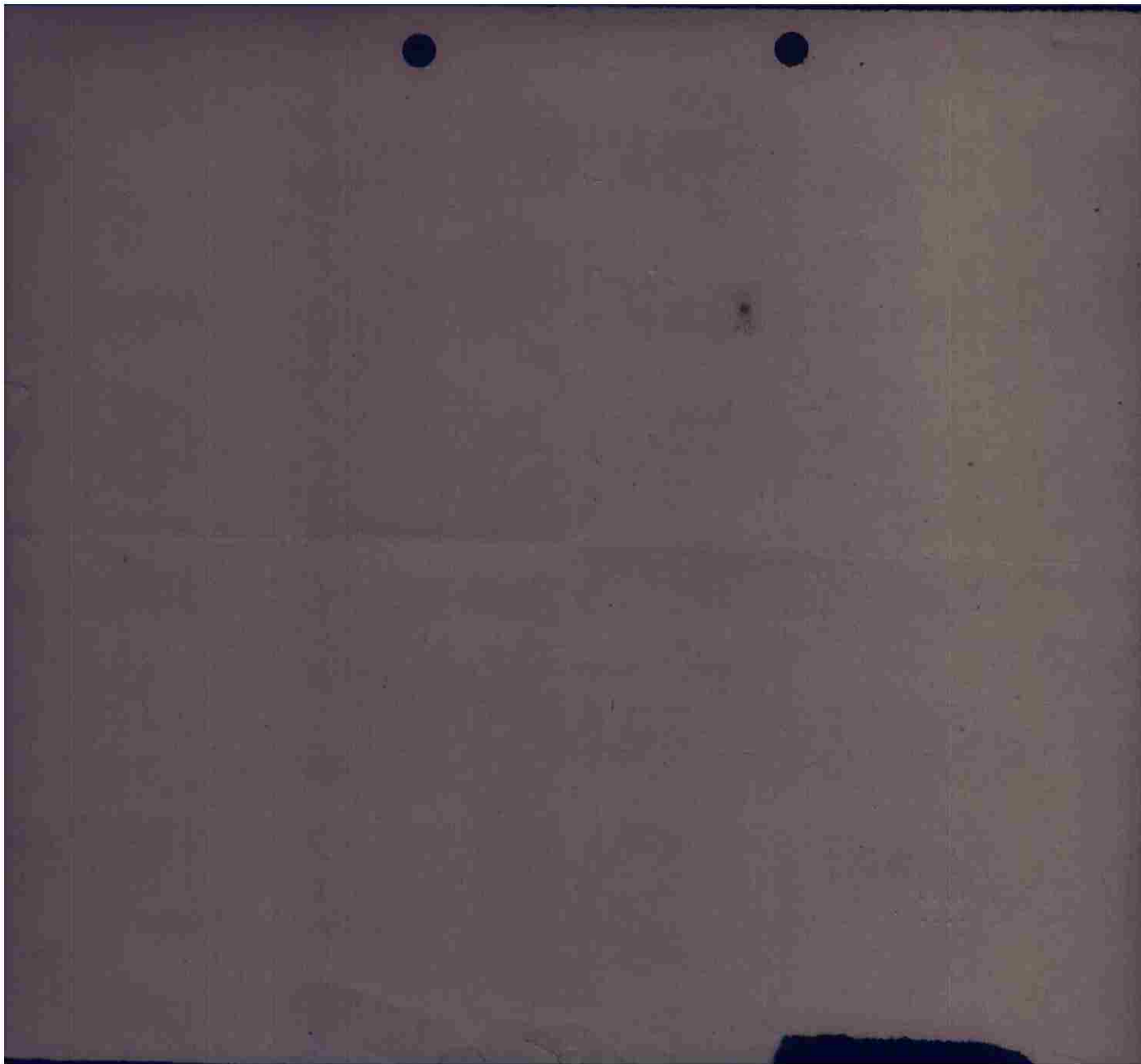
F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS: GROUP DID NOT FOLLOW PFF AFTER BOMB LINE.
EVIDENTLY GOING IN VISUAL.

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV.

BT 14/0210A
MT/BIRD AR

JKI R....140237A FAG AR
JEA R....14/0235.A LCB AR
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JEA, JKI V ITA JEF NR. 8/14 -OP- -OP-

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ. PROV. 14/0200A

TO: C G IX BOMB DIV. ATTN A-3

C G 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN A-3

C O 41ST BOMB GROUP ATTN A-3

SECRET BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ. PROV. R-375-E.

PFF OPERATIONAL CRITIGUES

DATE: 13 MARCH 1945 TIME: P.M.

PFF PILOT: DAVIS

A. FLORMATION:

1. CLASSIFIATION: EXCELLENT

2. REMARKS:

C. NAVIGATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD

B. WINDOW SHIPS: NONE SEEN

1. CLASSIFICATION:

2. REMARKS:

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS: POOR-GP LEADER DID NOT LET PFF KNOW HIS INTENTIONS.

E. BRIEFINGS: REND

F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS: GP 3000 FT BELOW PFF WHEN BOMBS AWAY.

CO. 1ST PATHFINDER SQ. PROV.

BT 14/0200A

MT/BIRD BBB

JKI R.....-140230A

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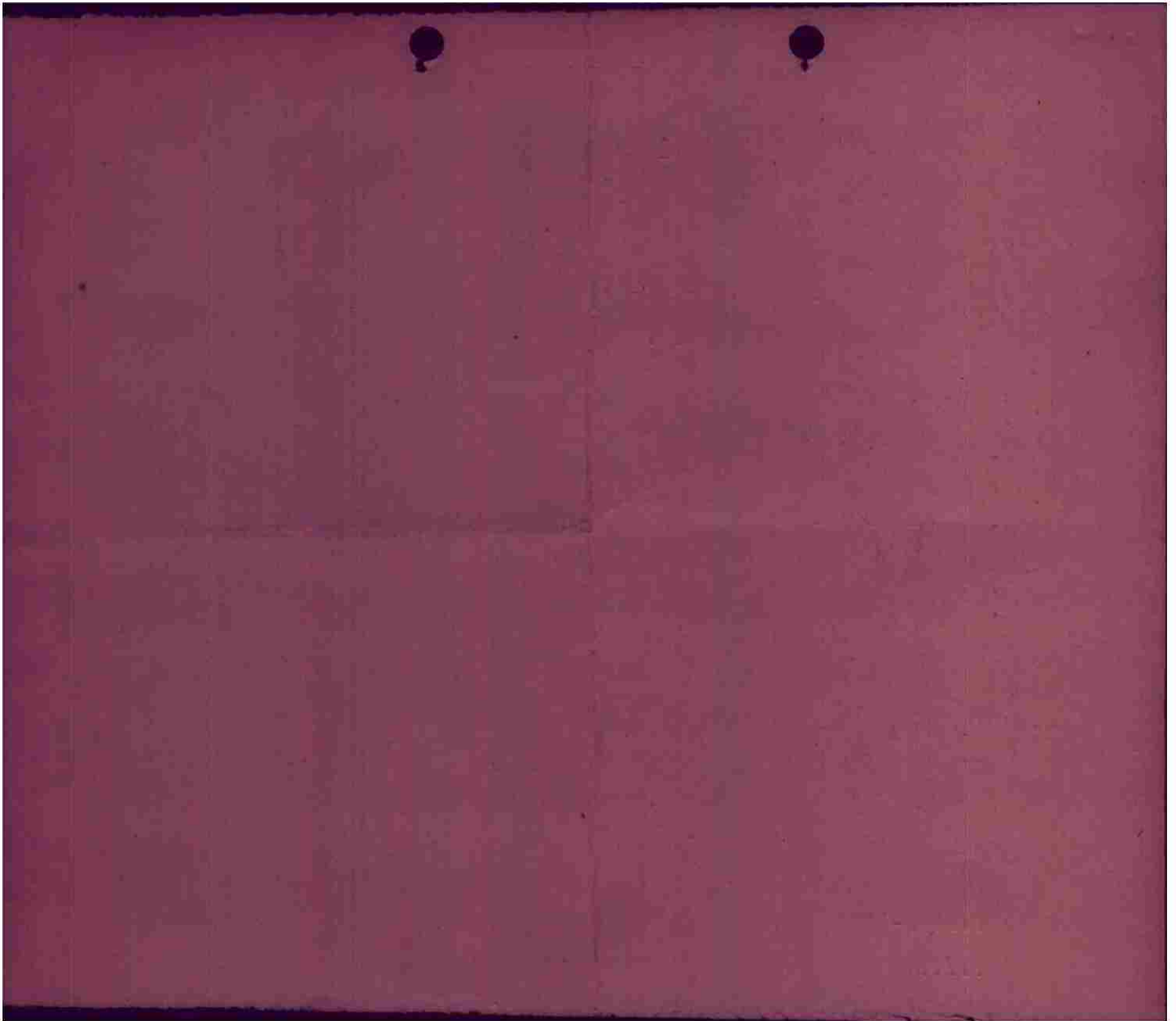
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JKI VIA JEA V ITA JJF 30/13 OP OP

FROM: CO, 1STNPATHFINDER SQ PROV 13/2100A
TO : CG, IX BOMB DIVISION ATT: A-2
CG, 97, 98, 99 COMBAT WINGS ATT: A-2
CO'S 394, 416 BOMB GROUPS
CONFIDENTIAL BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV R-359-E
MARCH 13 1945

- A., FIRST PATHFINDER SQ. WITH THE 394 BOMB GROUP
- B. NEHEIM-HUSTEN M/Y RB 169153
- C. 2 B-26'S
- D. 2 B-26'S PRIMARYNON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 8X500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. ENTIRE AREA COVERED BY BOMB PATTERN
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. AT BREITSCHIED, WF 795202, MAHFF WISSEN, WF 999425
MAHFF AT OLPE WG 075700, TGT. AREA IALFF, MAHFF AND
ROCKET FLAK, EWEAK ACC.
- K. ONE, ONE COMBAT, ONE DAMAGED IN VICINITY HACKENBURG
WG 055289, ME 262 CAME OUT OF CLOUDS FROM BELOW AT 6 O'CLOCK
TAIL GUNNER FIRED ONE BURST OF APPROXIMATELY 10 GOUNDS, AT
PLANE, NO STRIKES SEEN BUT AIGCRAFT DROPPED RIGHT WING AND DOVE
BACK INTO CLOUDS. AIR CRAFTWAS WITHIN 150 YARDS BEFORE BREAKING
OFF. NO ATTACK WAS NOTICED BEING MADE BY E/A ON PFF PLANE.
- L. 13400, 13000 PGIMARY
- M. 1716, 1717 PRIMARY

ANNEX: SWEEPSTAKES WAS CALLED TWO MINUTES AFTER ENTERINGXIX:TAC AREA.
ANDXXIX FIX WASRECEIVED IN CLEAR AS BEING 20 MILES WEST OF
FIGHTER RENDEVOUS.

NOTE: WENDOW SHIPS AND BGROUPS FORMATION GOOD. FIGHTER ESCORT EXCELLENT

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ. WITH THE 416 BOMB GROUP
- B. NEHEIM HUSTEN M/Y RB 169153
- C. 2 B-26'S
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT ALONG
- E. ONE B-26, (SEE NOTE)
- F. 4X500 GP PRIMARY, 4X500 RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED--HEAVY HAZE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. IAHFF AT BREITSCHIED, WF 795202, TARGET AREA MAHFF.
MAHFF AT HOCKSTENBACH WG 065256
- K. ONE COMBAT, ONE ENCOUNTER, NO CLAIM.9

ONE ME 109 LEFT FORMATION

OF SIX, CLIMBED TO ALTITUDE OF PFF

XXXXXXXXXXXX

FROM 6 O'CLOCK LOW LINING PLANE UP AS IF FOR FIGHTER APPROACH.
AT 1000 YARDS TAIL GUNNER FIRED TWO BURSTS OF APPGOKIMATELYN25
ROUNDS EACH AT WHICH E/A BROKE AWAY TOWARDS 2 OCLOCK LOW AND
HEJOINED HIS FORMATION. NO HITS WERE OBSERVED ONNE/A AS TRACERS
INDICATED BURSTS SHORT.

- L. 12500, PRIMARY
- M. 1735 PRIMARY

ANNEX: SWEEPSTAKES CALLED, RECEILING FIX TWO MINUTES AFTER ENTERING
N TAC AREA.

NOTE : BOX 1--BOX LEAD TOLD PFF THEY WERE GOING TO TRY TO BOMB
VISUALLY, BUT ASKED PFF TO STAY WITH FORMATION.
PFF REMAINED ON COURSE WHILE GROUP ZIG ZAGGED BELOW, BELIEVED
TRYING TO GET INTO POSITION. GROUP WAS NOT IN POSITION AT PFFO

XXXXX AT PFF RELEASE.

BOX II: GROUP LEFT PFF AT BOMB LINE. PFF FOLLOWED ON COURSE
TO WAITING XX POINT, RADIO WASXENRGARBELED BUT IT IS BELIEVED
BOX LEADER INTENDED TO BOMB VISUALLY. PFF SHIP TURNED AROUND
AT OLPE WG 075700 AT 1730. AT WAITING POINT BOX WAS OUT IN
FRONT AND BELOW PFF PLANE.

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV
DT 13/2100A

CC: PAR M. (1ST PART OF SIG) WA NOTE: WINDOW IMI WINDOW
LBC B

JKE

JKI R VIA JEA.....13/2355A

JF

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